



# Hawkeye

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## Section 1.3

Hawkeye is uniquely qualified to handle animal control for it is uniquely licensed under the MNR for fur bear-ring animals.

This fur-trapping license has several advantages from having use of unique methods and Options in dealing with species.

### **Trapper Education**

To qualify for a license, trappers must successfully complete the Fur Harvest, Fur Management and Conservation Course. The course is administered by the ministry and delivered cooperatively by trapper organizations. The course emphasizes safe and humane trapping, survival skills, good pelt preparation and sustainable management practices.

### **Trapping Licences**

Every trapper must purchase a licence and have it renewed every year. Each licence has a unique number identifying the trapper and where he or she traps.

### **Reporting**

Trappers are on the front line of monitoring the province's furbearers and their habitats. Trappers provide vital information on wildlife through cooperative scientific studies and in mandatory year-end trapper harvest reports. These reports specify the numbers and species of animals harvested. These harvest records are in addition to reporting information on:

- Population and distribution trends
- Scientific research (e.g., MNR rabies program)
- The study and monitoring of parasites and wildlife diseases
- Compliance with harvest quotas
- Monitoring the legality of Canadian pelts marketed internationally.

### **Trapping Legislation**

- The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act (S.O. 1997 c 41) provides the legislative framework for the management and protection of furbearers in Ontario. It includes a List of Furbearers of Ontario (twenty-two species of furbearers and their habitats are found throughout the



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- province). These are defined under Schedule 1 of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, S.O. 1997 and O. Reg. 669/98.
- The Crown Forest Sustainability Act indirectly provides for the habitat needs of most furbearers in crown forests.
  - The Provincial Policy Statement for the Protection of Natural Heritage Features (Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, 1997) was issued under the Planning Act. The Provincial Policy Statement provides for the protection of significant wildlife habitat as well as other natural heritage features (e.g. wetlands, forests, endangered/ threatened species habitat, corridors) on lands within organized municipalities in the province. The majority of lands in the area covered by the Planning Act are privately owned.
  - The Agreement on International Humane Trapping Standards directs the testing and certification of trapping systems used in Ontario. The Fur Institute of Canada coordinates trap testing activities on behalf of Canada's provinces and territories. Canadian trappers employ the most up-to-date and humane trapping devices available.